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For : OPTICAL HEAD FOR OPTICAL DISC DRIVE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,  
Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-326084, (which is discussed on page  
1 of the present specification), which was published on December 12, 1995, together with  
English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,684,762 to KUBO, which issued  
on November 4, 1997; and


Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-276745, (which is discussed on page  
4 of the present specification), which was published on October 6, 2000, together with  
English language patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,567,353 to KUBO et al., which  
issued on May 20, 2003.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

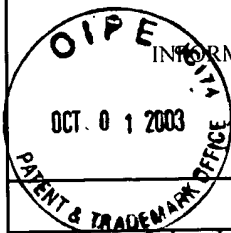
Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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